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Effort to Adjust Dif-

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LONDON, December 24 .-- Gen. Antonoff, the military commandant of the

By the Associated Press.

the bolshevik government.

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# PEACE TALK SHOULD EIGHT FAMILIES YET | WOULD GIVE CLERKS NOT SLACKEN U. S.

Secretary Baker Says German Propaganda Is Forerunner of Western Offensive.

#### RECALLS SIMILAR OFFER MADE LAST CHRISTMAS

War Review Indicates Enemy Would Have World Believe It Can Dictate Peace.

Germany's newest peace propa-

"The Italian theater once again is the cene of important military activity.

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### Classic Strategy Attempted.

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"The Germans are endeavoring to follow the precepts of classic strategy and by a successful enveloping movement effect the destruction of the Italian and allied forces.

"It would appear that they are anxious to conclude their Italian adventure in a manner similar to the previous campaigns of Russia, Serbia and Rumania, where, as a result of the stragetic envelopment, gained at relatively small cost, vast tracts of territory were conquered.

"Enemy pressure continues intense along the entire front.

"Before proceeding with any operations in the west, the Germans hope to drive the Italians back to the Adige, anticipating that such a reverse would have a very disintegrating influence throughout Italy.

"It is apparent that the Germans have not given up all hope of bringing about a social unheaval in Italy, as they did in Russia after their victorious campaigns of 1915.

"No matter how intensive this new subversive propaganda may be, nevertheless, we can confidently rely on the fighting morale of the Italian people.

"Along the western front the enemy has continued his harassing raids with a view to keeping the allied forces on the alert. However, none of the engagements recorded in the west were of more than local importance.

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L. W. B. Dail, \$1.

S. G., \$1 each, Nos. 3, 5, 6, 8 and 11, \$2.

L. W., No. 11, \$5.

Charles E. Gross, all, \$5.

M. A. Z., No. 1, \$2.

People's Congregational Church, No. 11, \$5.

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ner to the German offensive heraided to be launched in the west, an intensive peace propaganda is to be initiated. "Careful examination of the situa-"Careful examination of the situa-tion reveals that the enemy is again preparing to sue for 'peace before vic-

military situation 's such that they are able to dictate the terms of peace. They therefore threaten that unless this dictated peace is accepted by the allied powers and ourselves the German forces now believed.

that during the Christmas season of last year the Germans put forth very similar peace rumors.

"It is only necessary for us to recall that during the Christmas season of last year the Germans put forth very similar peace rumors.

No Determining Influence.

"In considering the general military situation in its true light, it must be understood that the Germans realize that within a short time our armies will form the principal body of fresh strategic reserves remaining available for action on the battlefields of Europe. Thus, no matter what superiority in men and guns the enemy may for the time being be able to bring to bear in the west, and even admitting an eventual modification of the allied line in his favor, nevertheless he knows that in so far as it is humanly possible to foresee his effort will inevitably result in merely a local success which can have no determining influence on the first two years of the war.

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can have no determining influence on the final outcome of the war.

"For the first two years of the war France bore the brunt of battle, while Great Britain was preparing.

"Since the defeat of the German forces in front of Verdun England and the British dominions have taken over an increasingly large share of the burden of the war.

"Italy has, to the limit of her forces, also assumed a considerable share of this burden.

### Aiding Italian Armies.

"When, as a result of the defection of the Russian forces, the weight of Austro-German pressure was directed against Italy, France and England united in coming to the rescue of their ally, and are today aiding the Italian armies.

nies. It is our duty, therefore, in looking to the future, to realize that if we are to fulfill the pledge we made on entering the war, if we are-tering the war, if we are-tering the war, if we are-to-fight this war to a successful conclusion, we must assume the full responsibility which rests upon us. We are the freshest in the struggle; we have the reserve man power and the reserve mechanical power.

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"Our armies constitute the reserves of victory. "Our armies constitute the reserves of victory.
"In Russia, the armistice negotiations having been concluded, peace negotiations are about to be entered upon.
"Reports of the dissatisfaction of a large element of the Russian population, especially in southern and central Russia, with the terms of the armistice have led to the formation of an active opposition, which it is believed will endeavor to resist all attempts to enforce the proposals agreed to by the Lenine government."

# NEED TO BE AIDED

the "Opportunities" by Mail or Messenger.

\$2,000 IS ASKED FOR SALARIES MUCH TOO LOW

Tonight is Christmas eve. You have beyed the injunction "Shop Early." Your Christmas purchases are made, sentative William F. Stevenson of Perhaps you feel poor in consequence. South Carolina, a member of the com-But tomorrow you will receive as much mittee on expenditures in the Interior as you give possibly more and be rich Department. "I believe that an inagain-rich in the assurance of the love crease of from 15 to 25 per cent is nec

friends. But wait, have you remembered the cost of living." opportunities? There are eight of the Representative Stevenson is fourteen whose homes are still in need the stanchest supporters of a liberal of help. Eight lonely mothers are de- increase in salary for all the governpendent on the good will of Washing- ment workers. He is prepared to go beganda, viewed as a forerunner to families have been remembered by House committee on appropriations or an offensive in the west unless a many already, but the children's stock- any other committee granting hearings German-made peace is accepted ings are only partially filled and for on the question.

"The general opinion in Congress, as I

may be filled and that these stockings may be filled and that tomorrow's Star may carry the glad news that not one of these opportunities has been forgotten or its needs left unsatisfied.

Remember that last present for these homes that cannot return the favor except in the way of a hearty "God bless you" from the lips of anxious mothers and children to their unknown friends. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these little ones in my name, ye have done it unto Me."

E. C. Buckingham & Co., most needed, \$5.
Miss K. T. Dickinson, No. 1, \$1.
Elmer A. Brown, No. 8, \$2.
Charles A. Ehrhart, for worthy families, Nos. 1 to 10, \$10.
A. K. W., No. 11, \$1.
M. F. Sicard, No. 3, \$3.
Total, \$641.59.

## These are the opportunities:

Opportunity No. 1: Six Fatherless Children of Italy,-The flood of mis-

this dictated peace is accepted by the allied powers and ourselves the German forces now being concentrated on the western front will break through the allied line in the west.

"The various reports of immediate peace proposals by the Germans on seemingly favorable terms should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for war.

"It is only necessary for us to recall that during the Christmas season of the most of the poolroom in the hotel, and badly damaged the basement of the hotel. The explosion was the result of a fire which started in the solid poolroom.

The various reports of immediate (Star), 51; Mrs. Walton (Star), 50 cents; E. G., \$2; C. E. C., \$25; J. H. G., \$1; M. S. T., \$1; Mrs. H. D. McC.

Sti. Hospital Branch Sunshite Society.

Three firemen were overcome by the funes of the gas while fighting the fire. Plate glass windows along Cflerry street were wrecked when the gas that during the Christmas season of the country over the whole a relative stands guard over the whole over the fire department arrived when the fire department arrived.

deserted, so many years ago.

Amount asked for, \$416. Previously acknowledged, \$124.30. J. H. G., \$1: Mrs. H. D. McC., \$1: M. C. T., \$25; Mrs. W. B., \$2: M. J. T., \$1; G. J. F., \$2. Total, \$161.30. Still needed, \$244.70.

Opportunity No. 4 closed; oversub-scribed.

Opportunity No. 5: Independence Only a Few Months Away—Mme. X's husband died last summer. Besides sev-enteen-year-old Julie, there is little Jean of the lame knee, and "La Petite Sauter-

elle."
Amount asked for. \$260. Previously acknowledged, \$113.80. T. B. B., \$2.50; J. H. G., \$1; Mrs. H. D. McC., \$1; H. C. B., \$10; E. F. S., \$1; Mrs. W. B., \$2; H. F. M., \$10; M. J. T., \$1; St. Rita, \$1. Total, \$142.30. Still needed, \$116.70.

opportunity No. 6: Battling Against Chronic III Health and Poverty.—Almost constant ill-health has made the fight against poverty doubly hard for this widowed mother. Her five children are devotion itself. The oldest child, a girl of sixteen, never strong, has spent much time in the hospital. Jack, an ambitious lad of fifteen, is his mother's right-hand man.

Amount asked for, \$832. Previously acknowledged, \$316.80. M. E. J. (Star), \$32, P. G. P. (Star), \$5; in memoriam, \$25; M. A. L., \$1; J. H. G., \$2; Mrs. H. D. McC., \$2; M. M. J., \$1.50; G. D. L., \$20; C. H. O., \$10; Mrs. W. B., \$2; M. B. T., \$10; D. B., \$1. Total, \$326.30. Still needed, \$437.70.

Opportunity No. 7 closed.

Opportunity No. 8: Four Deserted French-American Kiddles.—This little French-woman, deserted by her hus-band five years ago, is taking good care

# **ENOUGH TO LIVE ON**

WAR PREPARATION Hurry in Your Contribution to Mr. Stevenson Asks Government to "Play Fair" With Employes.

"The government must pay its em ployes enough to live on," says Repreand good will of family, children and essary, judging from my own experiences in trying to meet the increased

German-made peace is accepted by the allies and the United States, "should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for war," says Secretary Baker today in his weekly review of the military situation

"The Germans realize," continues the statement, "that within a short time our armies will form the principal body of firesh strategic reserves remaining available on the battlefields of Europe."

"Our armies constitute the reserves of victory."

The review points out that the fighting morale of Italy may be relied upon, no matter how intensive the German Pace campaign becomes, and says:

"The Italian theater once again is the scene of important military activity.

"The enemy, impatient of the delays which have occurred in bringing about the successful penetration of the Italian armies, has dispatched further forces to the Italian front, with a view to achieving a decisive result.

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#### Urges Substantial Increase.

term of abnormal prices," Mr. Stevenson said.

That the government workers from Portland, Me., to Portland, Ore., and across the entire length and breadth of the land are stanchly supporting the plea of the thousands of federal employes in Washington is shown by great sacks of mail that are being received each day by the members of Congress. These letters are not only from the government workers who would get an honest living through the increase, but they contain also resolutions and petitions from boards of trade and chambers of commerce and from some of the most influential fraternal organizations in the country. Associations of grocers are adding their plea, and naively remark that if the government pays its honest bills to the government workers, they, in turn, will be able to pay the grocer, who is the first one to suffer if the government workers do not get enough to live upon.

### TWO MAY DIE FOLLOWING FIRE AND GAS EXPLOSION

Macon Hotel Damaged and Three Firemen Are Overcome From Effects of Fumes.

"Information from various sources confirms the reports that the Germans would have the world believe that the military situation 's such that they are able to dictate the terms of peace. They therefore threaten that unless this dictated peace is accepted by the

mated at more than \$10,000.

When the fire department arrived Chief Jones noticed gas fumes. He telephoned the gas company to shut off the gas, but this was done too late, the explosion occurring in the meantime. Policeman Alexander and Mr. Truman, who were hurt by the explosion and who will probably die of their injuries, were standing on the sidewalk outside the hotel building. The sidewalk was wrecked for a distance of fifty feet. The two men were blown high into the air.

## GILBERT REID SENT TO MANILA

Alleged Pro-German Editor Is Deported on Chinese Request. PEKING, December 24.—Gilbert Reid, President to Be Asked Under What an American accused of being a pro-

German propagandist and sympathizer. has been deported to Manila at the request of the Chinese government. Dr. Gilbert Reid, editor of the Peking Post, was released from prison at Shanghai on July 23, 1917, when he promised to refrain from criticism of the Amerisev-can government or its officials.

## Americans in Casualty List.

OTTAWA, Ont., December 24 .- Today's Canadian casualty list contains the following names of Americans: Died, J. Dutton, Mona Villa, W. Va.: wounded, H. N. Wilkinson, Dallas, Ore.; gassed, G. B. McLelland, Applegate,

## Christmas Issue

The Star will be issued Christmas day at I o'clock and delivered at once throughout the city.

Classified advertising must be at The Star office tomorrow morning before 10 o'clock for insertion in the Christmas issue.



## STATE DEPARTMENT **DEFENDS RED CROSS**

Doubts That Aid Is Being Given Opponents of Bolshevik Government.

State Department officials declared to-"A substantial increase in salaries for all the thousands of federal workers in Washington is an absolute necessity, especially during the present term of abnormal prices," Mr. Steventatt the American Red Cross mission in

deemed advisable to send them via the Rumanian frontier. This was done ing to prominent stock brokers and For the same reason.

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LONDON, December 24.—Col. Kolpashaikoff, the American embassy at Petrograd has been assured, is alive, but the
correspondent of the Morning Post in
the Russian capital says the former
agent of the American Red Cross is being held in confinement and no one has
been able to see him. American Ambeen able to weeks.

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and others. The rooms were ran-sacked, the officers taking many papers, while the men appropriated everything of the slightest intrinsic value. The search ended at 5 o'clock and Col. Kol-pashnikoff was taken to the Fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul.

# QUESTIONED BY RANDALL

## Authority Liquors Are Allowed U. S. Soldiers in France.

the law of the United States could not hold in France, still Mr. Randall wants to know why it is that the spirit of the law should be violated by an American general abroad.

#### To Head Hampton Institute. NEW YORK, December 24 .- The ap-

pointment of Rev. James E. Gregg of Pittsfield, Mass., as principal of Hampyears old, and was born in Hartford, Conn. He was graduated from Harvard University and the Yale Divinity School and for the last five years has been pastor of a leading Congregational Church in Pittsfield.

To reassembles, in recognition of distinguished service.

Dr. Barber is at the head of the head of

### KAISER PLANS CHRISTMAS PEACE MOVE, ENGLAND TO SEND ONE TO U. S.

"SPUG" SANTA.

ROME, December 23 .- The re port that a new German peace move is at hand is supported by apparently reliable information which has reached high quarters

It is said that on Christmas day Emperor William will issue a declaration containing peace proposals, but whether explicit conditions of peace may be expected or merely another maneuver intended to throw on the allies responsibility for continuance of the war cannot be ascertained.

LONDON. December 23 .- The London papers announce that a "unique and historic" Christmas message will be sent from Great Britain to the United States on

Financial Circles Report Concession to Companies in East in Matter

of Freight Rates.

needed advisable to send them via the dewed advisable to send them via the Russian frontier. This was done with the approval of the Russian Red Cross.

The incident of money which it was alleged Ambassador Francis had offered and the insimuation that it was intended as a bribe to the enemies of the bolshevith had no other significance, it was announced, than humanitarian; it was merely the ordinary transfer of money through the embassy sent by the Red Cross and intended for relief work.

Col. Kolpashnikoff Held.

LONDON, December 24.—Col. Kolpash-nikoff, the American embassy at Petrograd has been assured, is alive, but the correspondent of the American embassy at Petrograd has been assured, is alive, but the correspondent of the Morning Post in the Russian capital says the former the Russian fortiers and the capture of the same reason, he says, the former the same reason, he says, the former the same reason, he says, the formed hulls contracted for modify the believed to be inclined to modify the relation modify the contracts were let. The percentage that the commission and coscards, and of the capture of the same reason, he say

norning by soldiers, sailors, red guards President and Mrs. Wilson Greeted With "Merry Christmas" by Many in Throng.

> The President and Mrs. Wilson walked through the shopping district shortly before noon today and were greeted with "Merry Christmas" by many in the crowds. The President acknowledged the greetings with smiles.

## TO DIRECT SECRET SERVICE.

Deputy Chief Moran to Act as Head When Flynn Retires. W. H. Moran, deputy chief of the se-

A resolution calling upon the Presi- cret service, who has been in charge of dent to inform the House under what the administrative work of the secret

dent to inform the House under what authority Gen. Pershing has issued a regulation permitting the American soldiers to be served with beer and wine in France will be introduced in the House by Representative Randall of California when Congress reassembles January 3.

Mr. Randall pointed out today that the law prohibits the serving of alcoholic beverages of all kinds to soldiers in uniform. While it may be held that the law of the United States could not hold in France, still Mr. Randall wants to know why it is that the spirit of the law should be violated by an American general abroad accepted authorities and the law should be violated by an American general abroad are resident of the secret service wide Chief William J. Flynn has devoted himself principally to field work, will assume the dignity of acting director on the retirement of Director. The trial of persons who have been adverted by the bolshevik authorities was to have begun yesterday before a military revolutionary court, according to the Babe of Bethlehm that He may military revolutionary court, according to he layed dispatches from Petrograd. The first person to be tried, these reports said, would be Countess Panin, former assistant minister of education, who was arrested for refusing to turn over to the bolshevik the funds of her education. A dispatch from Tashkent, capital of the reducational work.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

BREAK ALL RECORDS

Wear 1917 May Pass 6,000-Mark in Turkestan, describes the lynching, under horizing circumstances, of Gen. Korovitchenko, who was Korovitc

## RECOGNITION OF SERVICES.

of Navy to Be Promoted.

ton Institute, Virginia, to succeed the and Edward R. Stitt of the Navy will late Dr. H. B. Frissell, has been an- be promoted from the rank of captain

Turkestan, describes the lynching, under horrible circumstances, of Gen. Korovitchenko, who was Kerensky's military commander in the province. The Italian embassy has made a formal protest against the pillaging by armed men of the apartment of the embassy's first secretary.

It is reported that the Germans are moving troops from the Russian northern and western fronts to the southern and the Rumanian fronts. Medical Directors Barber and Stitt Medical Directors George H. Barber

Want Democratic Peace.

# WHITE HOUSE CALL

Chiefs and Legislative Agents Ross P. Andrews Advises Use of Four Roads Summoned by President.

President Wilson ass summoned the chiefs and legislative agents of the four railroad brotherhoods to a conference at the White House, Thursday.

It is expected that the President will railroad workers whatever action he has mittee named Saturday night by Com decided is necessary to obtain more effi- freight jam in Washington. cient transportation in the war crisis. Both the chiefs and the legislative ample by notifying his customers that agents have conferred with the Presi- after January 1 his firm, the R. P. Andent recently, the chiefs soon after drews Paper Company, will deliver but their demands were made on the rail- once a day. He said that after that roads for increased wages, and the leg- date all deliveries would be made in slative agents several days ago, when sections other than the horthwest in they asked for assurances that war de- the morning, and only orders taken bemands should not relax the safety re- fore 4 o'clock the previous day would strictions imposed on railroad opera- be assured of delivery the following

days.

While sentiment in favor of governmental operation of the roads apparently has been growing, no intimation of what the President would recommend has been given, and pending his address it was thought no further action was contemplated.

## BOLSHEVIKI SEEKING UKRAINIAN PEACE SHOWS PROGRESS IN VESSEL BUILDING Gen. Antonoff to Visit Kiev in

## Shipping Board Reports Program 18.2 Per Cent on Way to Completion.

Petrograd district, has gone to Kiev, says a Petrograd dispatch to the Times, with instructions to negotiate gram on December 1 was 18.2 per cent with the Ukrainian rada in an effort to on its way to completion, as disclosed settle the differences between it and plied by the shipping board to the Senate commerce committee investigating Petrograd dispatches report attempts progress of the work.

re being made by the belshevik com-The program, calling for 8,246,368 to negotiate with the tons of shipping, is divided as follows Ukrainians for a settlement of the dif- Wood and composite vessels, 437, of 1,-It is also reported the authorities of the new Ukrainian government are ready to accept proposals looking toward a peaceful arrangement. The movement for harmony is attributed by the correspondent of the Times to the fact that the growing dangers of the situation are being recognized to an increasing extent by the bolsheviki.

For the same reason, he says, they

551,900 tons, 10 per cent completed; government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away consignments, the George A. Fuller Company, which is doing much government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away consignments, the George A. Fuller Company, which is doing much government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away consignments, the George A. Fuller Company, which is doing much government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away consignments, the George A. Fuller Company, which is doing much government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away consignments, the George A. Fuller Company, which is doing much government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away consignments, the George A. Fuller Company, which is doing much government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away consignments, the George A. Fuller Company, which is doing much government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away consignments, the George A. Fuller Company, which is doing much government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away consignments. The George A. Fuller Company, which is doing much government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away consignments. The George A. Fuller Company, which is doing much government contractors were to blame for much of the delay in hauling away to ship and the delay in hauling away to ship and the delay in hauling away to ship and the form much of the delay in hauling away to ship and the form much of the delay in haulin references which have arisen.

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It is also reported the authorities of the requisitioned steel ships, 431, of 3,056,-

handed over, according to some of the reports. Referring to these rumors, the Petrograd correspondent of the Post says that unquestionably thousands of German war prisoners are flocking toward Petrograd from all parts of Russia, but he believes that at present a more important phase of the situation is the active and thorough manner in which the Germans have been pushing trade with Russia since the frontier was opened. He reports they are making the most of a commercial opportunity, such as the world has never seen before, inasmuch as Russian industries are nearly dead and the Germans have no competition. Gives to the Associated Press His

Christmas Message to the

American People.

We are inclined to think that certain lumber interests in the south have taken advantage of this large order of lumber as placed with them for our use through the government agencies, to secure movement of large stocks of lumber in excess of quantities ordered by the government officials."

# AGE LICENSES BREAK ALL RECORDS The letter was referred to the committee on freight congestion and local transportation, of which Samuel J. Prescott is chairman.

Issued.

Marriage licenses in the National

more than 6,000 couples will have been furnished "bliss permits" by Col. William A. Kroll before the bells ring out the advent of the new year. Including the Christmas rush, 5,600 licenses have been issued since January 1, 1917.

The best previous record has already been surpassed by 1,200 licenses, and Pan Cupid's smile is as broad as old Santa's at this Yuletide.

## BROTHERHOODS GET URGES MERCHANTS TO CUT DELIVERIES

IN WASHINGTON AND NEARBY SUBURBS. TWO CENTS ELSEWHERE.

of Teams to Haul Freight From Railroad Yards.

#### CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY SUGGESTS ONE A DAY

Curtailment of deliveries among their customers to one a day by all stores, in order that men and teams may be released to haul consignments away from railroad freight yards, was the first specific recommendation made today by outline to the representatives of the Ross P. Andrews, chairman of the commissioner Brownlow to cope with the Mr. Andrews said he has set the-ex-

strictions imposed on railroad operation. They were told that nothing of that kind was contemplated.

The new conference came as a complete surprise in the railroad situation. President Wilson has been studying all phases of the question and it has been understood that he intended to address. Congress on the subject after the holidays.

While sentiment in favor of govern-congestion.

ongestion.

"The drayage companies are heavily burdened," added Mr. Andrews, "and merchants themselves must seek to assume some of the responsibility for getting their consignments from the vards."

#### In addition, Mr. Andrews appealed to business men to receive freight from \$ a.m. to 6 p.m., instead of taking it only between 9 and 4 o'clock, as many do at

between 9 and 4 o'clock, as many do at present.

Ultimately, he stated, he believes that appointment of a freight director will be found the only solution to the entire question of freight shipment distribution in Washington.

"The situation today is bad," he said. "Why such a director is needed is indicated by the presence in the yards here of twenty cars of paper for the government printing office, which, officials there state, cannot be taken away today or tomorrow. No men can be found to volunteer to haul it. A freight director would order such consignments hauled away."

The entire committee will hold its first meeting Friday night at the Commercial Club. In the meantime Mr. Andrews and Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the confinitee, are gathering all the in-formation available about the present freight situation in Washington. They are getting all the data available from freight agents of the roads entering Washington, as well as from merchants themselves.

## Letter to Mr. Brownlow.

In reply to newspaper criticisms that

Has Plan for Relief.

before, inasmuch as Russian industries are nearly dead and the Germans have no competition.

The Germans have refused to admit M. Zinovieff, a close associate of Nioklai Lenine, and other boisheviki whom the soldiers' and workmen's delegates wished to send in to spread their doctrines in the German army. They also decilined to admit Trotzky's newspaper, printed in German, for army propaganda. The bolsheviki are negotiating with the social revolutionists of the left for the formation of a coalition government, wherein the latter will hold the ministries of the interior, justice, posts and national affairs.

To Try Countess.

The bolshevik authorities was to have begun yesterday before a military revolutionary court, according to the Babe of Bethlehem that He may be longs, to pray with all their hearts to the Board of Trade, H. L. Wilkins of the Wilkins-Rogers Company, Inc., of Georgetown, express, et the belief that a working agreement between the railroads in regard to the between the railroads in regard to the would go far toward relieving the freight situation here.

The trial of persons who have been arrested by the bolshevik authorities was to have begun yesterday before a military revolutionary court, according to the Babe of Bethlehem that He may protect their loved ones and give back to the world that peace which He came way to release the curs when they arrives being down and one way to release the curs when they arrives so bunched would be for the merchants in the same line to help each other.

MARRIAGE ILCENSES

## SUSPENDED PAPER EXPLAINS.

Vorwaerts Defends Food Controller. Who Admits Gravity of Conditions. AMSTERDAM, December 24.-The Vorwaertz, the socialist organ, reported Marriage licenses in the National Capital for the year 1917 break all records. From the present outlook more than 6,000 couples will have been ordered to suspend publication for three days, appeared unexpectedly Sunday. It says its suspen-